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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 396X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment in Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 25, 2002, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 0.21-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 58.05 and railroad milepost 58.26 in Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 66067. An Interim Trails Use Railbanking Agreement, dated March 29, 2004, was entered into between BNSF and the City of Ottawa, in lieu of consummation of abandonment.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

*Sidney Strickland /JS*

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